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Campus clubs made their debut last week at Voter Registration and Education Drive day last week.

Over thirty clubs participated in the event, all vying for a \$200 ASU contribution for the club that could register the most votes.

Because the registrations had to meet the Oct. 5 deadline, ASU could not count the total number of registrations but Don Graham, ASU public relations officer estimated the clubs gathered more than 500.

The following are brief descriptions of individual clubs, and their meeting times and dates.

—compiled by ANNA L. VILLA

PRO CHOICE Student Union

PRO CHOICE urges all who wish to help organize the club's next project, a forum on women's struggle for empowerment, to join their club which meets every Monday in H102 at 1 p.m. For further information contact Mary Hito, club adviser at ext. 289.

Student Coalition for Peace

Convening to "improve awareness for an alternative non-violent lifestyle," the Coalition club deals with issues such as alternative eating, the drug war and "covert" U.S. dealings with foreign nations.

The club meets Thursday's at 2 p.m. in the Lion's Den in the Campus Center.

Filipino United Student Organization

The Filipino club focuses on educating Valley students about the Filipino culture. Only a year old, the club has already held numerous food sales, picnics and Filipino Cultural Days. The club meets every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in H103.

M.E.Ch.A

Working towards the educational, socio-economical and political equality of the Chicano(a), Mexican(a) and Latino(a) community, MEChA welcomes any new members. The club meets every Wednesday at noon in FL111.

GALA

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance focuses on creating awareness about issues facing the gay community and welcomes people who are in favor of gay and lesbian rights. Tomorrow GALA will be holding a Coming Out day at noon in Monarch Hall. The club meets Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. in the Lion's Den in the Campus Center.

Administration of Justice

The club provides night escort services for students and instructors to any location on campus. Anyone interested in the escort service must fill out a card available in B12 or B59.

The AJ club meets every other Wednesday at noon starting on Oct. 14. On Oct. 13 members will be visiting the L.A. County Jail. For more information inquire in B12.

Family values...



PAUL J. MASKA / Valley Star

CATCH— Laurie Boyd (left) and Malissa Knutson toss a ball around in Monarch Square while

Malissa's mother attends her morning classes at Los Angeles Valley College.

Politicians talk issues, jobs, goals

● Pierce hosts Candidates Night '92

By KEVIN BOLT
Staff Writer

Candidates for state and federal office presented their views at Candidates Night '92, at Pierce College last Thursday to inform interested voters on their positions relating to local and state issues.

Over 300 people showed up and had an opportunity to speak one-on-one with candidates such as Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and Diane Watson, who are running for the second district in Los Angeles. Both candidates stressed the need for a health care reform and safety and social services as being top priorities in Los Angeles.

"The most pressing issues are quality health care that is affordable and jobs will be my top priorities if elected."

Profile:

LAPD officer comes home to alma mater

By JENNIFER CASE
Opinion Editor

Stopping at his favorite, coolest spot on campus, Michael T. Habicht says it is nice to finally come home.

After 27 years with the LAPD, he returned to Valley this summer to serve it's students.

Habicht, an LAVC alumni who was hired in July as a campus police officer, said he chose to come back because of the friendly atmosphere.

"Valley is my old alma mater. It's like coming home," he said. "I have a lot to offer students, faculty, and the support staff. I have a lot of knowledge I'm bringing with me."

"The second district (Compton, Watts, L.A. and Culver City) is home to many of the county's working poor, who lack health insurance. They depend on the public clinics and hospitals, which are severely overcrowded. Still others need jobs that pay a livable wage. I will work toward attaining these goals," Burke said.

Volunteers for Bill Clinton, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein were also campaigning.

Kathy Maine, director of the Pierce College extension program, said she was pleased with the amount of people who turned out, but was a little disappointed that more candidates did not show up.

"Every candidate from the San Fernando Valley and all candidates on the federal level were invited, we hope more will show up in '96," Maine said.

Co-sponsored by the Women's Organization Coalition and Pierce College, this year's gathering marked the third time in the last three elections the public has had a chance to come out and meet local candidates.

While hundreds of candidates were invited, 12-15 actual candidates showed up to meet the people.

Also propositions A, B and state propositions 157-167 were outlined, discussed, and pro's and con's were given to help voters in their choice.

Speaking about junior colleges in the state, Christine Reed, who is running for the 41st district seat (southwest valley) said: "It is critically important to generate more revenues for community colleges in this state. I don't like the fact that the government had to raise the j.c. fees."

Alternate parties such as the Peace and Freedom party were also in attendance.

So far, Habicht says he loves the job at Valley.

"It's really a great place to work," he said. "We have a great little police force."

After getting a degree in police science at Valley, now called administration of justice, he went into the United States Navy for four years and served his country as a signalman. He left with an honorable discharge. He then joined the Culver City Fire Department for two years, but left because he was bored.

"I wanted to help people," he said.

That's when he knew he wanted to take a more active role in assisting citizens. So he joined the LAPD.

"The policeman is the only man in our society that is going to jump into danger for you," he said. "People forget that."

Habicht said he worked the hit and run felony detail and worked for 23 years as a felony manslaughter detective.

As a crime solver, out of 400 cases, he said to this day only one still remains unsolved.

Recalling some of his years with the LAPD, he remembered a time when he was a rookie and he and his partner got a call for a possible dead body. They found a woman in a dumpster, dead, with a suicide note by her side.

"I'll never forget that," he said.

New drop date change proposal now in works

By JENNIFER CASE
Opinion Editor

In an attempt to "develop a student body with greater commitment to learning," the Valley Curriculum Committee is creating a proposal to move the drop deadline date from the 14th week down to the 9th week, according to Committee Chairperson, Ray Wilson.

The proposal, which is currently on the drawing board, will move the deadline to the 9th week during the 1993-1994 school year, and would eventually move to the 5th week for the 1994-95 school year.

Student representative on the committee, Julian Oscar expressed concern that students might not have enough time to really decide if they want to stay in the class, if given only nine weeks.

"Putting a strict deadline on them [the students] could affect their continuing school," he said.

Oscar also said the proposal could restrict teachers' academic freedom. According to the intent of the proposal, teachers would be forced to let students know where they stand in the class very early in the semester so they could make an educated decision whether to keep the class or not.

"It's going to hassle students and teachers as well," Oscar said.

Wilson agreed that deadline could put the instructors under pressure, and said that the proposal "will prob-

ably be controversial."

He also said students who aren't committed to a class occupy seats that could otherwise be utilized by a committed student.

Some of the other reasons cited in the rough draft of the proposal include the fact that the drop date is only two weeks from final exams. Students who don't emotionally commit what it takes to stick out a semester use the current drop date as an escape rather than focusing on the work that needs to be done.

ASU President Jesse Hernandez said he feels that the proposal is an infringement on student rights and therefore disagrees with the proposal.

"It's like they're saying, 'If you enroll now, you have to stay in.' The administration and faculty is here for the students—we're not here for them. That's how they make it seem," Hernandez said.

He also mentioned if the deadline is changed, students with exceptions such as accidents and deaths in the family could petition for more time, which would create more paperwork.

"I thought they were trying to cut down on paperwork," he said. "It's going to complicate everything. It's not a good idea—why can't they just leave it at 14 weeks?"

Wilson said it is still in the "worksheets" process, and it is only a starting point for the committee to work from. "We're just broaching the subject," he said. "We're anxious for student and faculty input."

Valley loses funds over cap proposal

By ISMAIL SHABAZZ
Staff Writer

Funding for 20,000 students maximum for the next five years is what Los Angeles Valley College faces as a result of stringent state budget cuts, Jack Sterk, faculty president, said at the Academic Senate meeting last Thursday.

"It's basically an enrollment cap," Sterk said. Funding-growth money was axed from the state budget during the crisis this summer.

"Valley could enroll 30,000 students, but the college wouldn't receive any extra funding. This could lead to severely overcrowded classes," Sterk said.

Vice President of Administration, Mary Ann Breckell said the current budget is barely covering 20,000

students, and it wouldn't be adequate for handling 30,000.

Sterk added that some instructors at Valley are currently teaching 50 students per class instead of the recommended 30 to 35. Which, "...lowers the quality of education," Sterk said.

Department Chairperson of Engineering, Bill Lavoie said, "I wouldn't blame students for going elsewhere. Teaching over 30 students would be terrible, I'd hate it—you couldn't give students personal attention." Lavoie said.

Breckell said, "A student at Valley will get an excellent education regardless of class size. Instructors aren't forced to teach extra students neither are they paid for doing it—they do it because they care."

ed" Habicht.

"His strength is knowing people. He knows how to put them at ease. I'm very pleased to have him here," Traber said. "I've had several compliments about him from students and staff already."

The one thing Habicht hopes to accomplish is to pass on his knowledge. "There's an old adage," he said. "When an old man dies, a library burns."

Commenting on the Los Angeles riots, Habicht said there was one good lesson that came out of the whole thing.

"We need to come together," he said. "People shouldn't just see color."

Leadership for sale—
Bush need not apply

By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Entertainment Editor

Pay close attention to the messages the Republicans are sending. In their urgency to win the election they are using double-talk and victim-blaming to deflect their responsibility for the disastrous state the country is in.

If you have been taking the words of these politicians to heart, you may be convinced that if you are out of work it is because you must be lazy.

You may by now believe that if you chose to have an abortion you are a baby killer, but on the other hand, if you decided to have a child alone you are immoral.

You may be convinced that the failure of the public school system to adequately educate is really due to lack of parental involvement and the elimination of prayer in the school.

The Republicans would also have you believe that if you're not making ends meet you need a more stringent budget while you are waiting for the trickle-down effect to drip on you.

One rarely hears anyone from the Reagan/Bush administration discuss the savings and loan scandal, which has cost thousands of people their life savings and has cost taxpayers billions to bail out. While being self-righteously preached to

about "family values," bear in mind that the President's own son Neil was among those involved.

Speaking of family ties, it is odd how much mud is being slung at Clinton for his questionable draft status by Dan Quayle, who received outright protection himself from his wealthy father's connections. Quayle justifies his pulling strings because, "I knew I was meant to serve a higher good to God and country."

When Bush says he also supports "the right to choose," he quickly adds that what he means is the right of parents to have control over their children's education. What he means by this is that the Republicans support a bill which would give tax credits to the affluent which would subsidize their children's private school educations at everyone else's expense.

This "welfare for the rich" would further the division of haves and have-nots, causing the ultimate deterioration of the public school system. This must be what Bush means when he refers to trickle-down. Again, they get the benefits you pay for and you wait for the rich guy to get his college degree so he can hire you to work the cash register.

Meanwhile, public schools, already handicapped by overcrowding and outdated materials, are crippled by major budget cutbacks and fee hikes that force less fortunate students out of higher education, and burned out underpaid teachers struggling to pre-

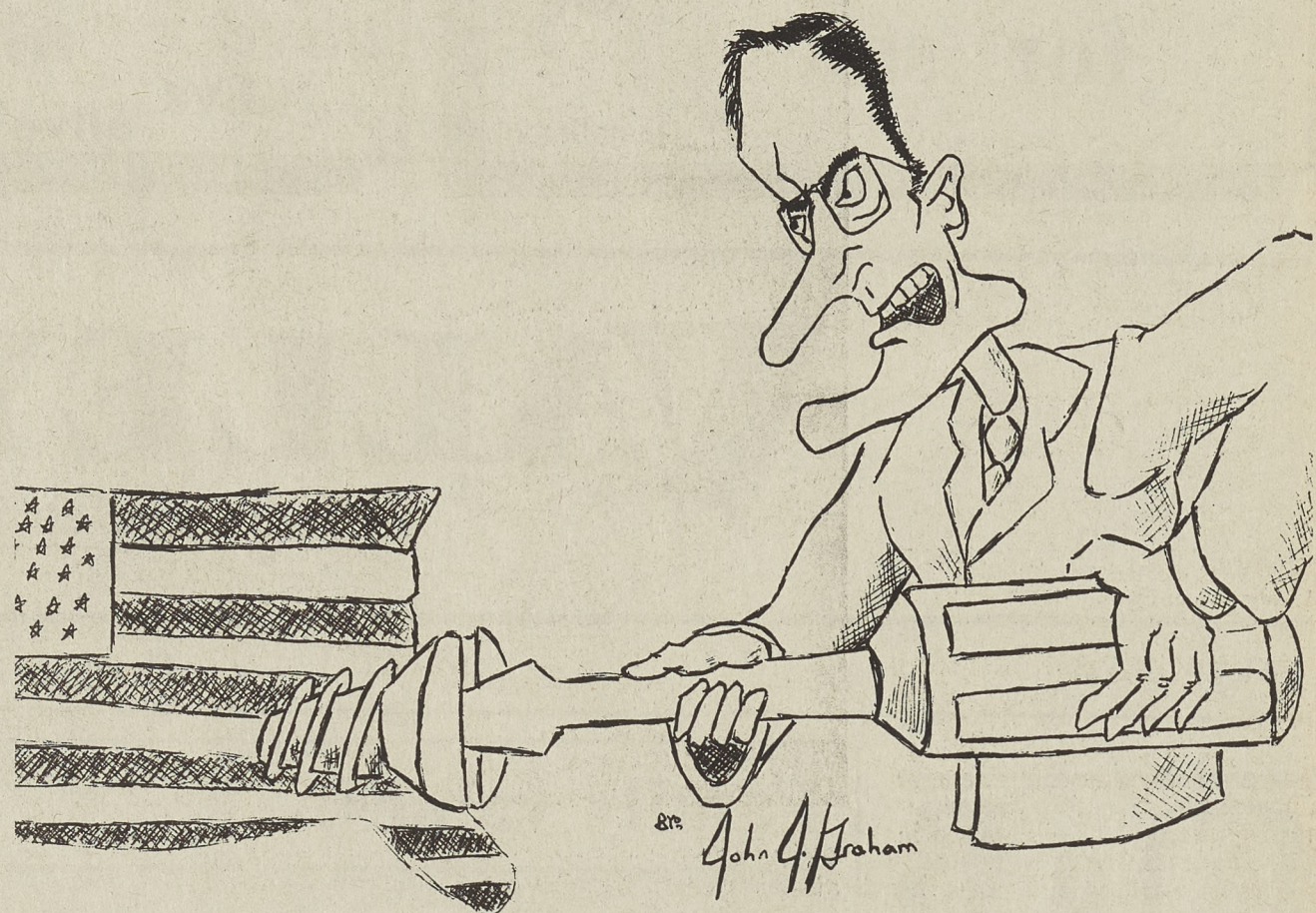
pare the rest for careers in fields that may be impossible to find work in.

Deregulated corporate mergers designed to maximize profits at the expense of American jobs and the gap in import-export duties between the U.S. and other countries which make foreign goods more affordable and American products non-competitive are only two politically sanctioned explanations for the depleted job market.

The Republicans warn you that the Democrats will burden you with an abundance of unnecessary social services. Never have programs been needed, more which might retrieve at-risk Americans before drugs and crime condemn them to an endless revolving door into a far more expensive judicial system. At present we can't even keep building one hundred million-dollar jails fast enough to house all the inmates.

Bush continues to provide more aid to former enemies than he does domestically. Never in history have so many millions of Americans been homeless. The next time you hear a Republican utter the words "family values," bear in mind that about 50 percent of the homeless are children.

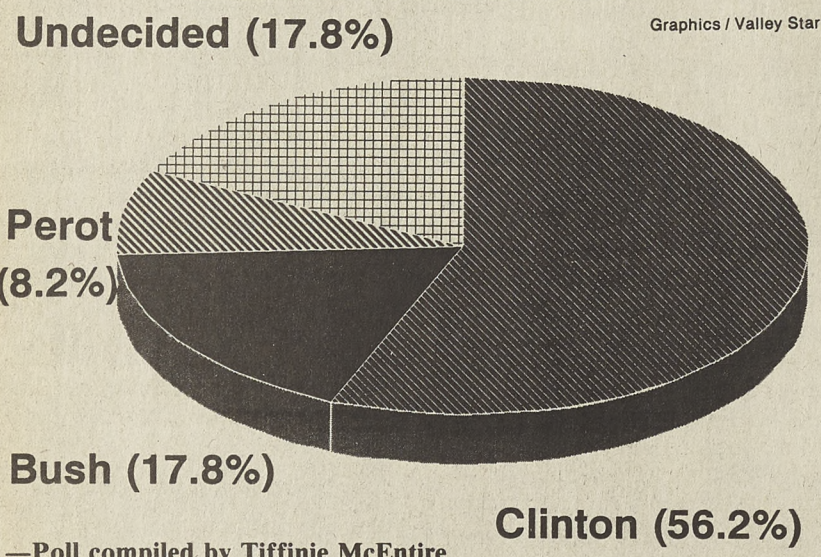
Listen to what the Republicans, out to keep their jobs, are saying. Pay attention to who they are blaming. Then go to the polling booth on election day and hit the eject button.



"Re-elect me and I'll finish the job."

Valley Star Poll

● 100 students were polled for this survey taken in the late part of September. The results indicated that Valley is proportionately in favor of Clinton.



Buy Perot now; sell the U.S. later

By ANNA L. VILLA
Editor-in-Chief

Why doesn't Ross Perot just pay off the national budget deficit? With his charming little southern drawl and charmin' BIG pocketbook he'd be a true capitalist American hero then. Since he has already invested \$18 million out of his own checkbook for his campaign, a few million, maybe even a billion or two, could loosen the financial ropes that are choking this country and everything would all be better, wouldn't it?

Revvng up for a second run, Ross Perot is bent on finishing the presidential race this time. But the gun has already gone off, the other runners are far in the distance and no money in the world can buy back the lost time and the cheering crowds—well for a chunk of his money maybe a cheerleader or two.

At the press conference last week, where he announced he would re-enter the presidential race, Ross Perot said his administration would "create a new political climate where the system does not attract ego-driven, power-hungry people." Sure, great, fine, but money is power and Perot sure does have a lot of it.

Once again a rich bureaucrat is seeking the top executive seat in the nation. Once again a member of the "GI generation" professes to understand the troubles of this generation's Americans—the "issues concerning the American people."

Like President Bush, Perot grew up in a period when the United States, in all her military and financial glory, bullied other nations and made them quiver with fright. But now the bully has been put down to size.

The United States lags behind most third world countries in health care and housing. It is also has one of the highest rates of teen suicide, drug abuse and homelessness.

And Perot, a billionaire, says he understands the issues faced by the homeless, never knowing if and when they will eat. A billionaire says he knows the kind of issues faced by a father who, frustrated and dispaired over his lost job, beats his wife and children. A billionaire says he knows what concerns those who live in the ghetto, who have a drug abuse problem, who—live with AIDS.

A billionaire says he knows how to begin eliminating these problems and all the other maladies ailing this country in FIVE years.

Perhaps Ross Perot does think

money can solve everything.

Over that five year period, Perot proposes countless tax hikes, among them raising taxes for about 18 percent of Social Security beneficiaries, which would save \$30 billion, and raising gasoline taxes that will net \$158 billion, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

He also plans bare bone reductions in Medicare and Medicaid costs which will gain \$142 billion, 10 percent reductions in government

"...Money is power, and Perot sure does have a lot of it."

programs across the board and cut \$40 billion more than is already scheduled out of defense spending.

Ross Perot said "Fair and shared sacrifice will be necessary to solve [the nation's] problems," and "[The] last time we all sacrificed together was in World War II."

In 1945, the United States that joined the second World War, was far different than the one that exists today.

During America's participation in the war, jobs were created, even for women, the wealth and stability of this

nation's land was never threatened and American morale was at a high.

When the boys came home, community colleges opened their doors, existing on federal and state funds without charging any tuition fees. Now pre-school, elementary, high school and college students have to sacrifice their education and their future's for rich bureaucrats that participated in inflating the economy since the "last time we ALL sacrificed together."

Ross Perot should keep in mind what is burdening our country is not only a "corrupt and paralyzed political system" as he called it, but the low morale and desparation of the people, the ethnic, racial and sexist tensions that even he has fallen victim to and the separation and out-of-touch attitude of the elitist class in which he exists.

Ross Perot shouldn't run for president. Ross Perot should sidestep his presidential campaign like he sidesteps questions from the press.

Besides, while the public has spent all this time figuring out whether or not he will finally commit to the presidential race we haven't had enough time to ridicule his wife and we really don't know if his running mate, James B. Stockdale, knows how to spell potato (potato).

Letters to the Editor

There are no excuses for lack of air conditioning and a phone in gym

There are no excuses for the lack of telephone or air conditioning in the handicapped gym.

The fitness center was originally built for the faculty, to the tune of nearly \$½ million by the time the supplies, equipment, and the use of all of the LAVC carpenters, electricians, and others were added up.

This center is in the same building as the handicapped gym, being only a few yards away. Why wasn't a phone line run next door at the same time?

Why couldn't an extra pipe run from the air conditioning unit also at the time of this massive construction?

LAVC is the center for the Orthopedically Disabled in the Los Angeles Community College district, this includes all disabled and handicapped. We have the best program offered. This is because we are fortunate enough to have Jim Gayton as the director of this program. This man and his group deserve better.

An important part of this program are the pool activities. Many of the participants cannot move from the neck down, but when they get into the water, their bodies come to life, allowing muscles to relax and move.

Monday and wednesday bet-

ween 11 a.m. and noon there has been overscheduling which allows only ¼ of the pool for this group of people who wait anxiously for this one small hour. On Friday, there are two hours, 11 to 1, the pool is "all ours."

Lately the pool has been kept at such a cold temperature for the swim teams that all the wheelchair bound and many other class members have just gone home in various states of being angry, sad, and just plain depressed.

A compromise in the heating of the pool might be in order one would think.

After spending several days in

a wheelchair for a class project, one of Gayton's helpers said, "It was humiliating. No one said 'hello'. People stared or looked away and certainly nobody offered any help."

What a sad state we are in, when we remember...there but for the grace of God go I...in a split second our lives could be chained to a chair.

Perhaps we should be a little more caring and make room for those of us that happen to have a different body than we have.

Ragna Vidar
Comm. of Disabled Students

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Letters should be signed and include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the **Valley Star** office, Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday.



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Big, bold & bright

Swiss poster exhibit opens

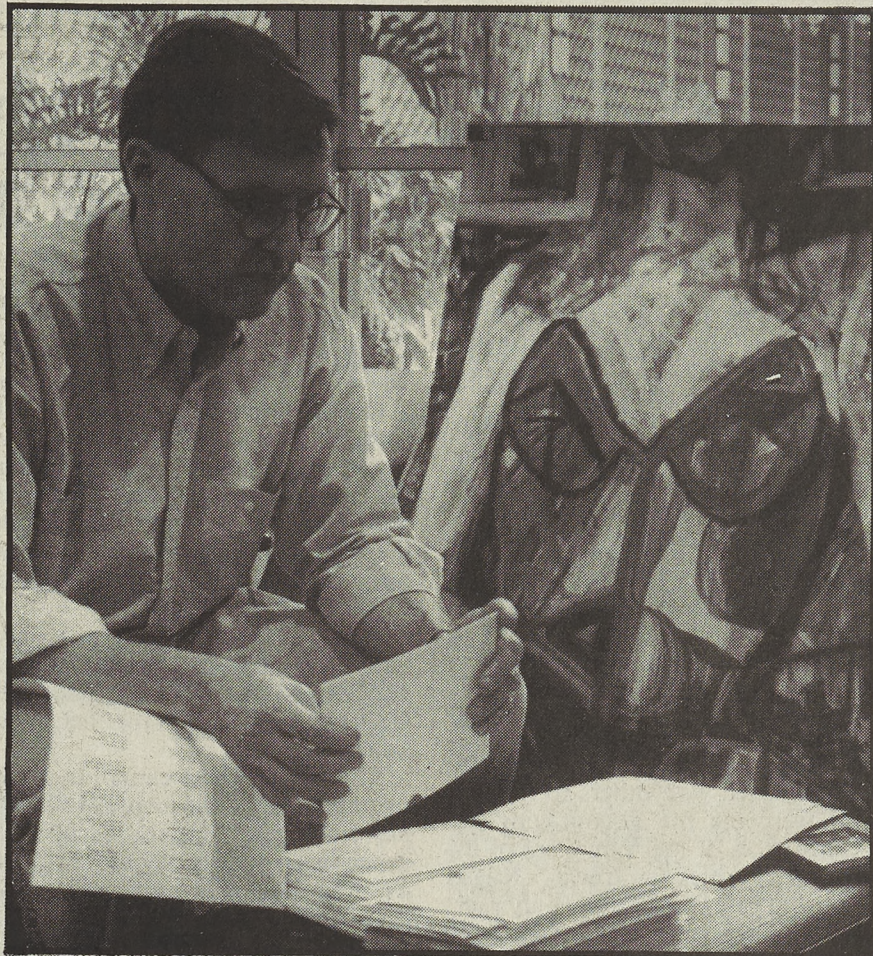
By JAE LEVINE WEISS
Entertainment Editor

Big, bold and bright, the impact of the series of Swiss posters against the stark white walls of Valley Art Gallery is immediate and startling. There is nothing meek or tentative about the sharp contrasts and larger than life style that is embodied in this unique display.

The exhibition, whose opening reception was held Monday night, is a selection of Swiss museum posters, largely from the 1980s, which had been collected by gallery director, Jim Marrin during his trip to Europe in 1991.

Intrigued by the posters, which he said were, "displayed three across at every bus station," Marrin began to collect posters as he visited museums.

"At first I bought posters which were currently on display and then I added to the collection by choosing others out of back order catalogs in which the posters were depicted in postage stamp size," said Marrin.



D'ANDRE FORD / Valley Star

STARTLING— Gallery Director Jim Marrin collected the Swiss museum posters during a trip to Europe during 1991.

Marrin said he tends to prefer the posters he had chosen after seeing them displayed in museums over some of the work that was difficult to see in miniature.

Marrin said that no poster cost him more than about \$15 in American money. They remained stacked up at home since his return until they were framed in plexiglas and prepared for this exhibit through the Richard K. Nystrom Grant.

"One thing that impressed me," said Nystrom, who attended Mon-

day's opening, "is seeing how this generation has changed since the posters I had seen during the 60s and 70s. There is more imagination, and they are freer in style. Having taught here back then and coming back now, I see those changes reflected in the work of the art students as well."

The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 20. Gallery Hours are Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. For more information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 400.

Arts & Entertainment

Music review

Duo gives feast for the ears

By JENNIFER CASE
Opinion Editor

The violin and cello merged last Thursday in the Music Recital Hall as part of the campus concert series.

Two masterful musicians, James Smith, and Endre Balogh complimented each other by playing selected pieces from the works of J.S. Bach, George Gershwin, and Niccolini Pagini.

Smith, an Associate Professor of Music at USC, directs one of the most highly regarded guitar pro-

grams in the country.

Balogh, the youngest first prize winner in the history of the Merriweather Post Competition, has performed as a soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic.

Together, they gave an audience of about 40-50 a feast for the ears. The duo started with a slow, soft toned piece, trading off their respective leads.

With a melancholy mood present through the set, the brief guitar solo had an almost spanish flavor, giving it a smooth romantic feel.

During the guitar solo, Smith really shined as he gently and carefully fluxed

to a wonderful climax that made the audience hold their breath.

Almost flawlessly, they gave a virtuoso performance. They brought the performance to a close with a piece about a love affair that could be no more. Smith said the composer wrote the piece that was filled with a lot of pain from remembrance of desire.

Before exiting the stage, the performers asked the audience if they would like to hear just one more piece. The duo finished with Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29, which ended the performance with an impressive flair.

Chauls, Wallis set poetry to music

By ANNA L. VILLA
Editor-in-Chief

Like a young man reaching out to caress the still warm cheek of his dead lover, Dr. Bill Wallis sings the poetry of Emily Dickinson.

Like a young man serenading a song to his newfound love, Dr. Robert Chauls plays the melody set to Dickinson's poetry.

In a tribute to the work of Emily Dickinson, Wallis, Chauls and Dr. Margaret Freeman, all three instructors at Valley, combined their creative talents for their production of *Emily Dickinson: A Song Cycle* which was presented last Sunday in

Valley's Little Theatre.

The production was a fundraising project presented by the Patrons Association of Los Angeles Valley College, which included an instructional video on the life and poetry of Dickinson and which documented the process of setting Dickinson's poetry to music. A live performance by Chauls performing on the piano and Wallis singing tenor proceeded the video.

The dark and haunting lines of poems such as *Because I Could Not Stop For Death, I Felt a Funeral in my Brain*, and *How the Waters Closed Above Him* all melded beautifully with the eerie melodies created by Chauls.

This was the first time the work of Emily Dickinson was set for the male voice and, for the elementary ear, most of the performance was pleasing. Wallis' voice was sweet and even mournful. However there were instances when a woman's voice could have evoked a more haunting effect to accompany the music such as in *I Felt a Funeral in my Brain*.

Emily Dickinson: A Song Cycle was truly inspirational and truly showed the love it's creators have for Dickinson's work and their own personal arts. The video portion of the presentation will be available to literature, music and humanities classes later this month.

Coming Out Day

Noon

Friday October 9, 1992

Monarch Hall



This is the first of a weekly series of easy but good recipes from...

Gilda's Cucina

Easy Chocolate Brownies

2 1 oz. squares unsweetened choc.
1/2 cup butter or Margarine
1/2 cup flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
2 eggs—beaten

large bowl, stir flour and sugar together. Add nuts, eggs, melted choc. and butter. Mix only until well blended. Pour into an 8"x 8" pan and bake in a pre-heated oven at 350° for 20-25 min. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

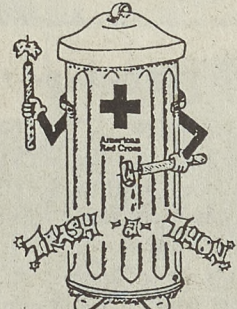
Melt choc. and butter in a small sauce pan. Cool for 5 min. In a

Yields 16 squares. To make double batch, bake 30-35 min. in a 9"x 13" pan.

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Four years living in a truck didn't stop this vet

By JENNIFER CASE
View Editor

"We're all just one paycheck away from being homeless" is how the saying goes.

More and more, though, that saying is becoming a reality all over America. It's happening to factory workers, business executives and even to LAVC students.

Fortunately for Louis Kugler, once a homeless LAVC student, he now rents a room and no longer lives in his pickup truck. But he says there are others like him.

"I've seen people's feet rotting away," he said. "There's no reason for this."

For Kugler, some of his problems started when he was classified as mentally ill after coming home from Vietnam. On disability since 1964, government officials said he was "not able to help society" which barred him from getting a job.

"The whole system is set up on discrimination and prejudice," Kugler said. "It was like they said you won't be able to climb out of the hole we put you in. I felt like I was in hiding for 20 years."

Frustrated, Kugler said he felt like he was being punished.

Wishing he could get a job and be a taxpayer, he didn't understand why the government would rather

have paid him disability than to be a productive citizen. And because he wasn't a wartime veteran, he finds difficulty in qualifying for Veteran housing. "Everyone loses," he said.

Despite it all, he continued to attend Valley College while living in his truck, and eventually earned a degree in sociology.

Although he had the chance to turn to drugs, he turned to God instead, whom he credits with helping him keep his sanity.

Doing what he called "social work," he talked to gangs about the evils of drugs and gave support.

"I had a choice. I could join the subculture or work with the community," he said. "I chose to do good."

Most homeless people want to do good, but lack the tools to help themselves, Kugler said.

Without a place to shower, many smell bad and are unshaven, which makes it hard to look for work.

Yet some do have genuine psychological problems.

Released from mental institutions during the 80's budget crunch, many had nowhere else to go but to the streets.

It was estimated that over 50 percent of those released in California were veterans.

Moreover, according to LAVC English Professor Bill Wallis, more veterans have committed suicide in America than were killed in Viet-

nam, not including single-car suicides.

Wallis, who has counseled Kugler and other homeless, says that a solution may lie in "one-on-one" work. The key, he says, is understanding them and finding out what they want and need.

"Most homeless people don't want pity or handouts. They just want to be treated like human beings—even if the condition in which they live is inhumane."

—Bill Wallis

"They honestly want to help themselves," Wallis said. "Many drink, and I've known a few who have done drugs. But when you're in pain, alcohol is one of the cheapest ways out. There's nothing wrong with using crutches when you're crippled."

One of the biggest problems is that more people need to actively help the homeless, Wallis said, but don't because they smell bad or look unclean.

"They remind us of society's failings."

"Most homeless people don't want pity or handouts," he said.

"They want to be humans—even if the conditions in which they live are inhumane."

Although Wallis said he has given some of the homeless students money, he said it just isn't enough.

"The real work is listening."

Along with Wallis, the disabled students office, custodial staff and supervisors, deans and instructors have helped Louis immensely.

Michael T. Habicht, a new campus policeman has even gone to visit Kugler and has given him some advice.

LAVC Police Captain Karl Traber gave Kugler a good recommendation to the man from whom Kugler rents his room.

"He met with me, encouraged me and worked with others to help me to overcome the discouraging circumstances of the four years of living in my pick-up truck," Kugler said. "These were not my only years spent on the streets. There had been many others."

Fortunately for Louis, as a student, he could use various campus resources. For example, he was able to use the rehabilitation gym to overcome injuries from living on the streets.

Overall, Kugler says people need to work together more.

"People need to minimize their differences. These are tough times and people should strengthen themselves with faith and resolve to open their hearts to the needy and solve problems."

Minimizing the differences is only part of the solution, according to Ted Hayes, founder of Justiceville USA, an organization that helps the homeless.

"For those who...cannot manage for themselves—the mentally ill, the physically disabled, the chemically dependent—society should chip in and help out. That means using tax dollars and private donations, not a popular solution these days. For

them there is no other solution. They need our help," he said.

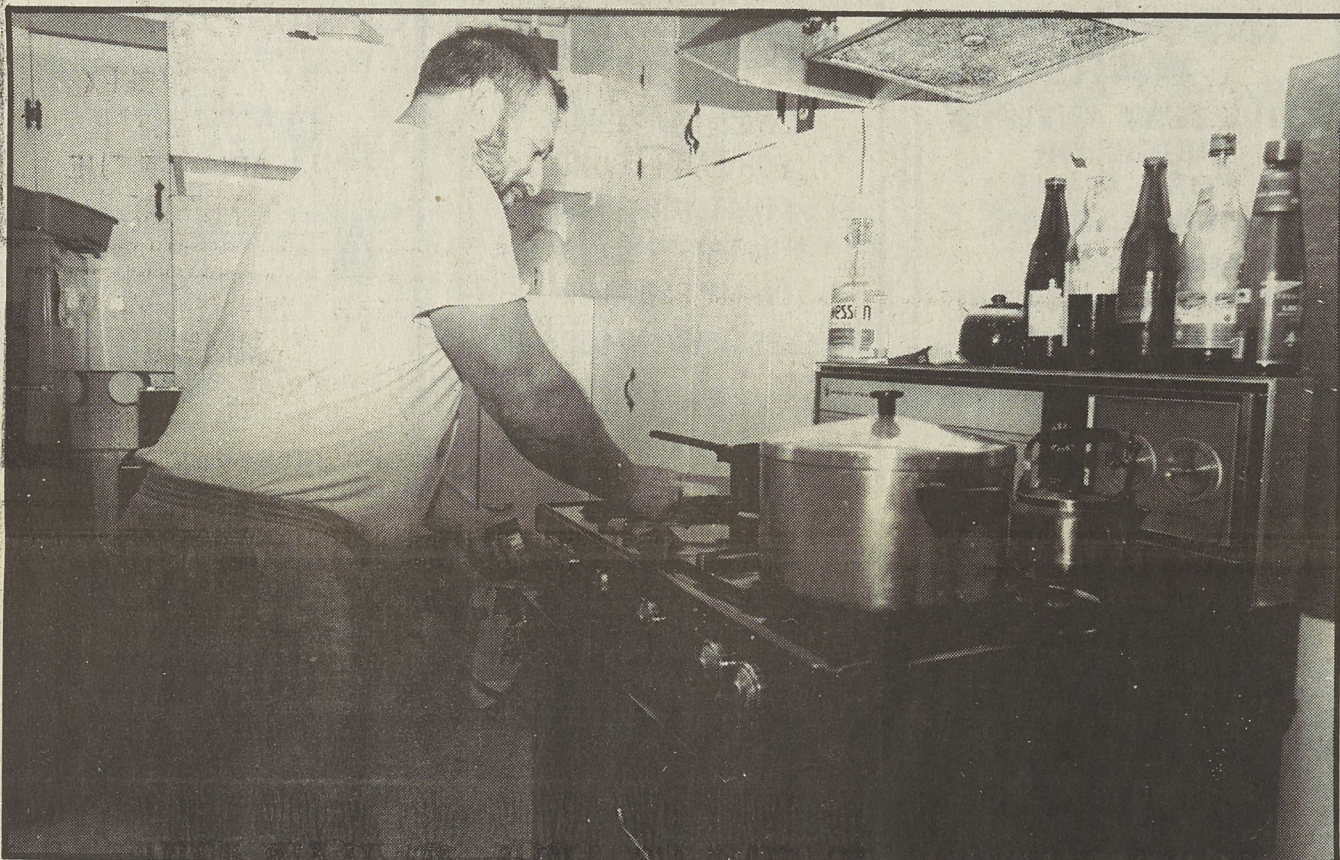
Kugler says he has more stability and more time to work things out now that he has a roof over his head

"I have at least two or three problems I am actively working on," he said. "Character development in a positive way is the most important thing a person can do in the world. That's really what success is."

Kugler hopes that the future will hold a move away from Los Angeles.

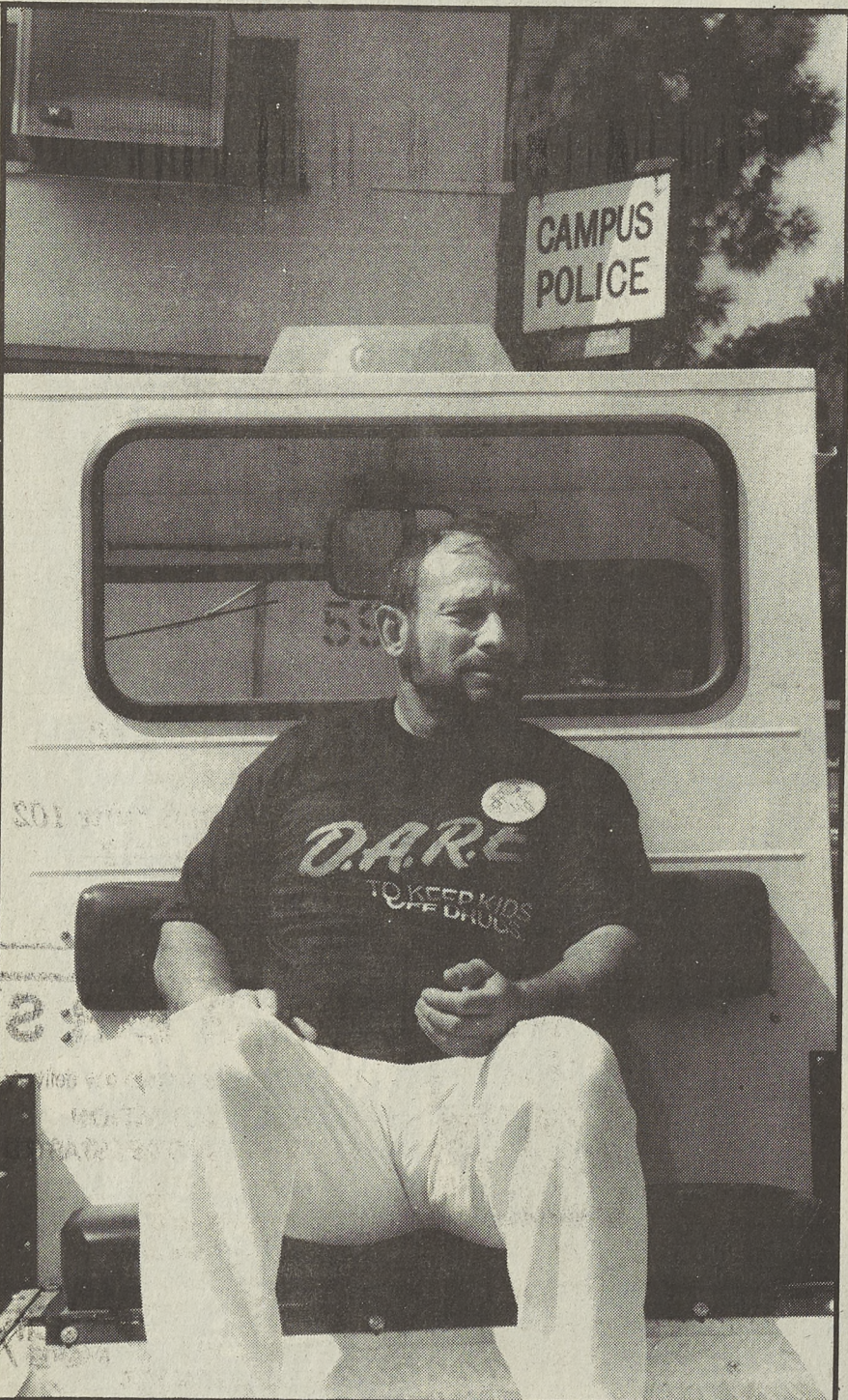
"I was born and raised here but the problems of the city are weighing heavy on me. At 51 years, it would seem that if Los Angeles doesn't change for the better, there is no reason for me to make any more adjustments."

I want to thank everyone who has helped me. I can only hope and pray that things will get better here in L.A., for the school, and for myself."



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HOME SWEET HOME — Now that he has a kitchen, Kugler says he loves to cook. After years on the streets, he says he likes to keep healthy by drinking lots of milk.



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WATCHFUL EYES — Kugler says the campus police have helped him keep going. He helps out by watching the campus in an unofficial capacity.

Poetry Excerpts

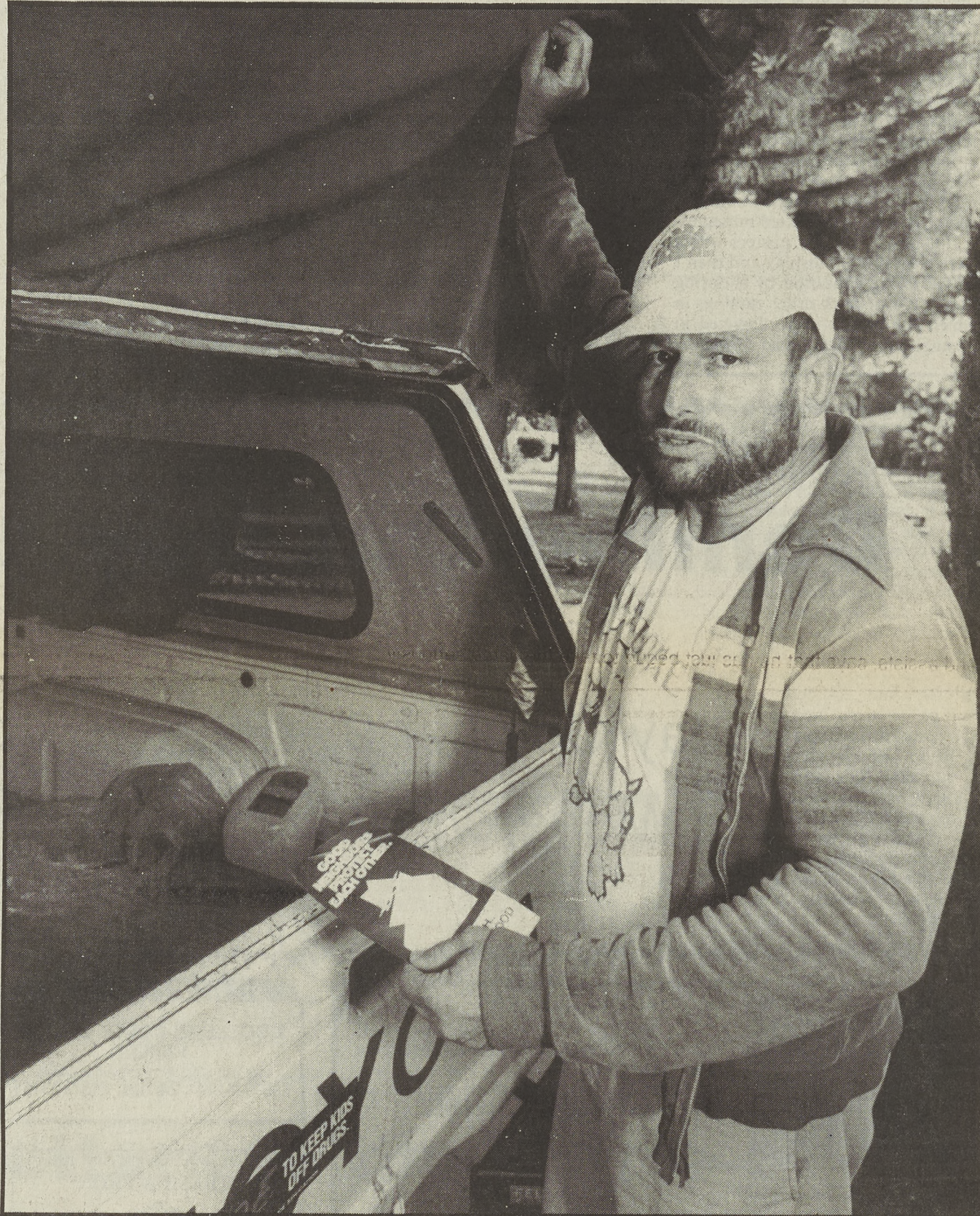
"Raised as a child in this place
I have my doubts that they believe
I am a
member of their race
Two legs and upright walking
Ability to think and reason
That is not enough?"
"I will pick myself up
Walk to the best exit
Let loose my tears of dissatisfaction
Say my prayers
Watch from a distance
Observe and perceive G-d's action
Who know s what will happen?"

"It cools the mind.
You finally get control
So it may be wrestled from you again
Waiting for another release from
the boredom
Something else happens
Things get very scary
Then, nothing bad happened today,
it is all trivial, because it did not
Happen to me and it cools the
mind to think these ways..."

—Louis Kugler

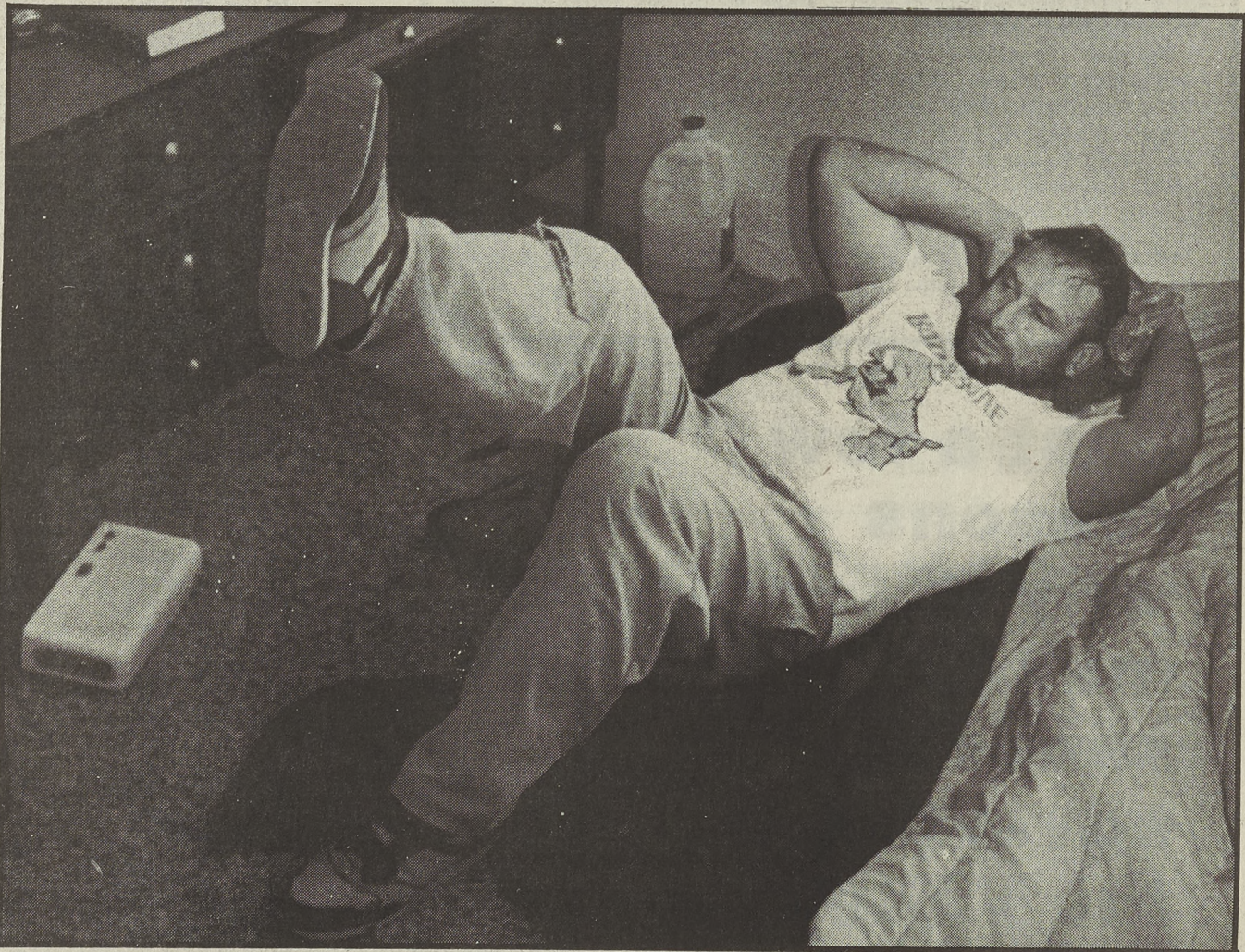
"Feel the pain
talk about it
If you're a worried man-then
shout about it
Open hearts-feel about it
open minds-think about it
Everyone scream about it"
—Tears for Fears

"I walk the city streets
So dark with rage and fear
And I...
I wish I could be that bird
And fly away from here..."
—Annie Lennox



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HOME OF THE BRAVE — From living in the back of his truck to renting a room, Kugler has overcome many struggles.



UZI ASHKENAZI / Valley Star

TIME TO RELAX — "Having a place to lay his head" has helped him considerably to make progress in his life. It gives him a new perspective on life, he said.

• Water polo profile

Jun treads to the top

By ANNA L. VILLA
Editor-in-Chief

Swept away by the fast-paced current of water polo, Wonmeen Jun is firing the shots, treading the water and scoring the goals for the Monarch water polo team this season.

Although it is still early in the season, Jun leads the team in overall steals and assists and the Monarchs are among the top ten in the state right now.

Despite Jun's enthusiasm for the sport now, he said he was forced to play during his junior year in high school by his swim coach. But the speed and physical contact involved, hooked Jun's competitive nature.

"As soon as I played my first year, I liked it a lot," Jun said. "Like in basketball you can get real creative and make your own plays to leave yourself open for a shot. It's not a set balanced play everytime you go down— everytime it's different."

Although his initial reaction towards the sport was not an eager one, Jun has begun to take it very seriously. This summer he participated in the Harvard Water Polo Camp where he said the high level of coaching there helped him improve.

"I want to be serious [about water polo]. I started pretty late compared to top notch players who start when they were real young. But even though I started late I'm doing real good and I hope to go up to division one in water polo or swimming," Jun said.

Jun's first bait that got him into the water was swimming. During his senior year in high school he held the record for the 100 backstroke (55:01) and the 100 freestyle (48:03) and was the league champ in the 100 backstroke and the 400 individual medley during his junior year.

"I don't want to set unrealistic goals," Jun said. "I just want to achieve the ones that are achievable. Hopefully I can get to division one and then play for Long Beach State, UCLA or UC Irvine."

Outside of the water, Jun said his competitiveness drives him to a wide range of sports.

"[Academics are] competitive but water polo is much more enjoyable to me. I like aggressive sports and academics aren't as aggressive."

Carrying 13 academic units at Valley, Jun said he is doing fine in his classes although he does admit he could do a lot better. In the future, Jun said he would like to major in business and politics.

In the meantime, though, sports are fueling his life. For this season, he said he hopes the team will land in a good spot, which looks hopeful considering the speed and the size combination that exists among them, he said.

"We're very physically big and very talented. By far we're the biggest team, we've just got to somehow utilize it and perform up to standards. If we do that we can get really far in the playoffs."

Monarchs snatch win from Pierce in first WSC game

By VIOLA LO
Sports Editor

The Monarch water polo squad won its first Western State Conference (WSC) victory Tuesday

against Pierce, 12-5.

"It was real close," commented coach Bill Krauss on the halftime score of 6-4. "We just couldn't make our outside shots until the second half."

Top scorer, Wonmeen Jun had

three goals and three assists. Anthony Rossi, Robert Martin and Steve Barron all came in with two goals each. Team goalie, Ken Vudmaska made nine saves.

"We had a real good play from the two-meter position, by Martin. He played a good game," said Krauss.

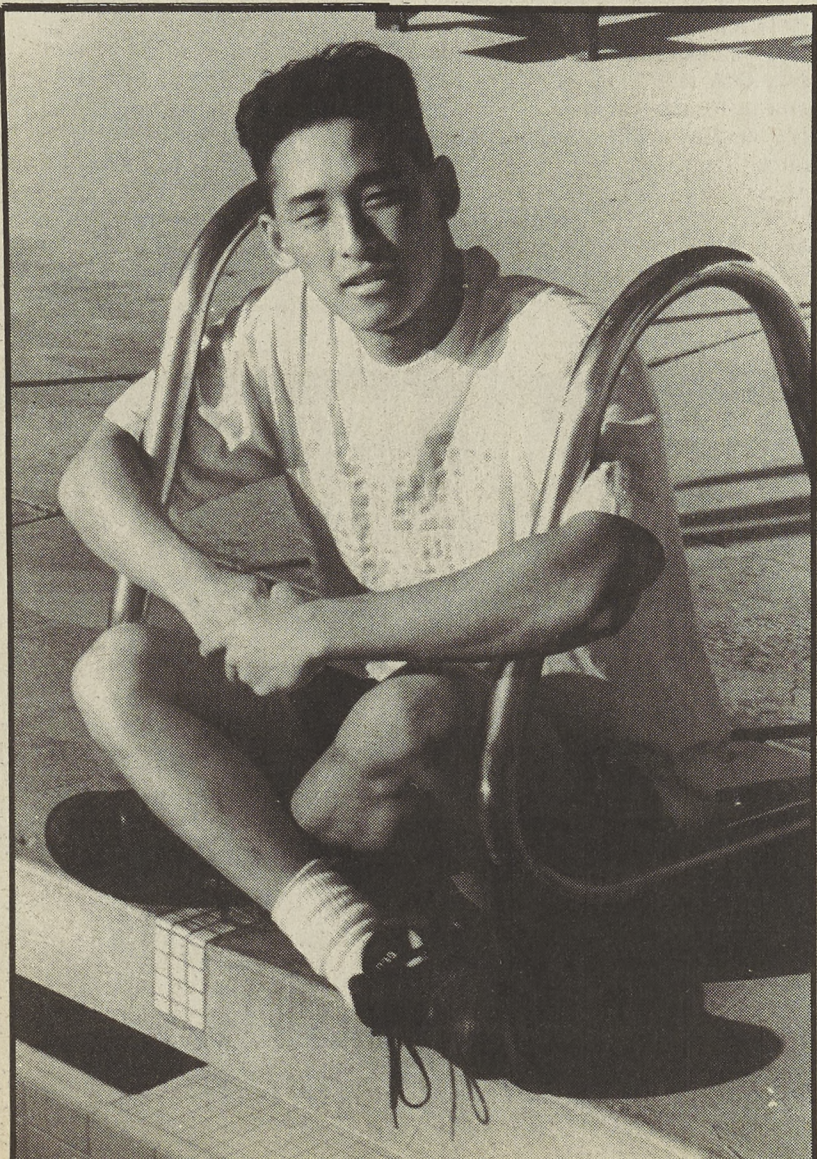
Being the first WSC game, this was a crucial win for the squad, bringing their record to 1-0. Overall the team holds a 11-4 record.

Unfortunately, the Monarchs did not do as well last Thursday in the Rio Hondo game where they lost 18-9.

"We weren't ready for them (Rio Hondo). They were really good," Krauss said on the loss.

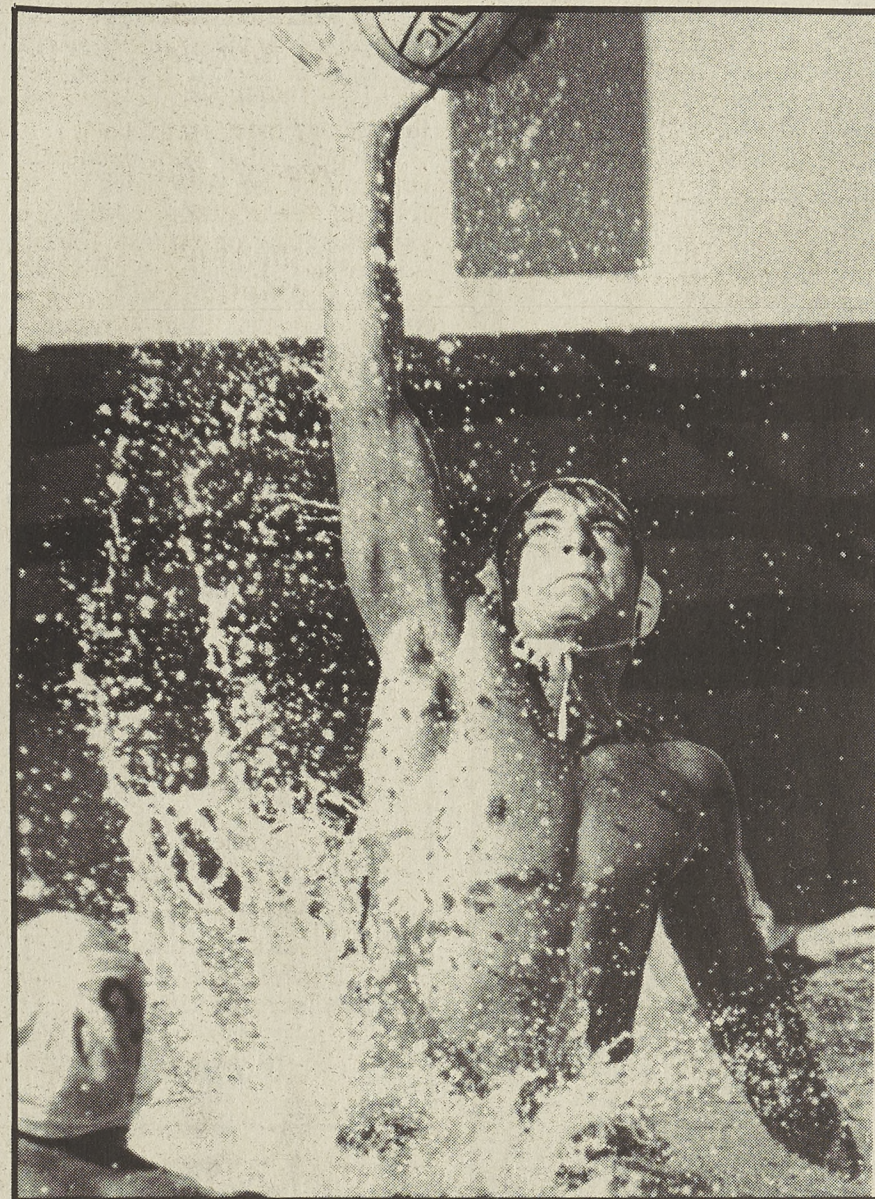
Again, Jun was the high scorer with three goals while Vudmaska came in with eight saves.

The team will play Friday against Santa Monica at Santa Monica High at 5:15pm. On Saturday, they will play in the Citrus Tourney at Citrus.



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HIGH N' DRY — Wonmeen Jun, who leads the team in overall steals and assists, says that he has just begun to take the game seriously.



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SPLASH— Monarch driver Ryan Barry made a splash in the Rio Hondo game last Thursday where the team lost 18-9.

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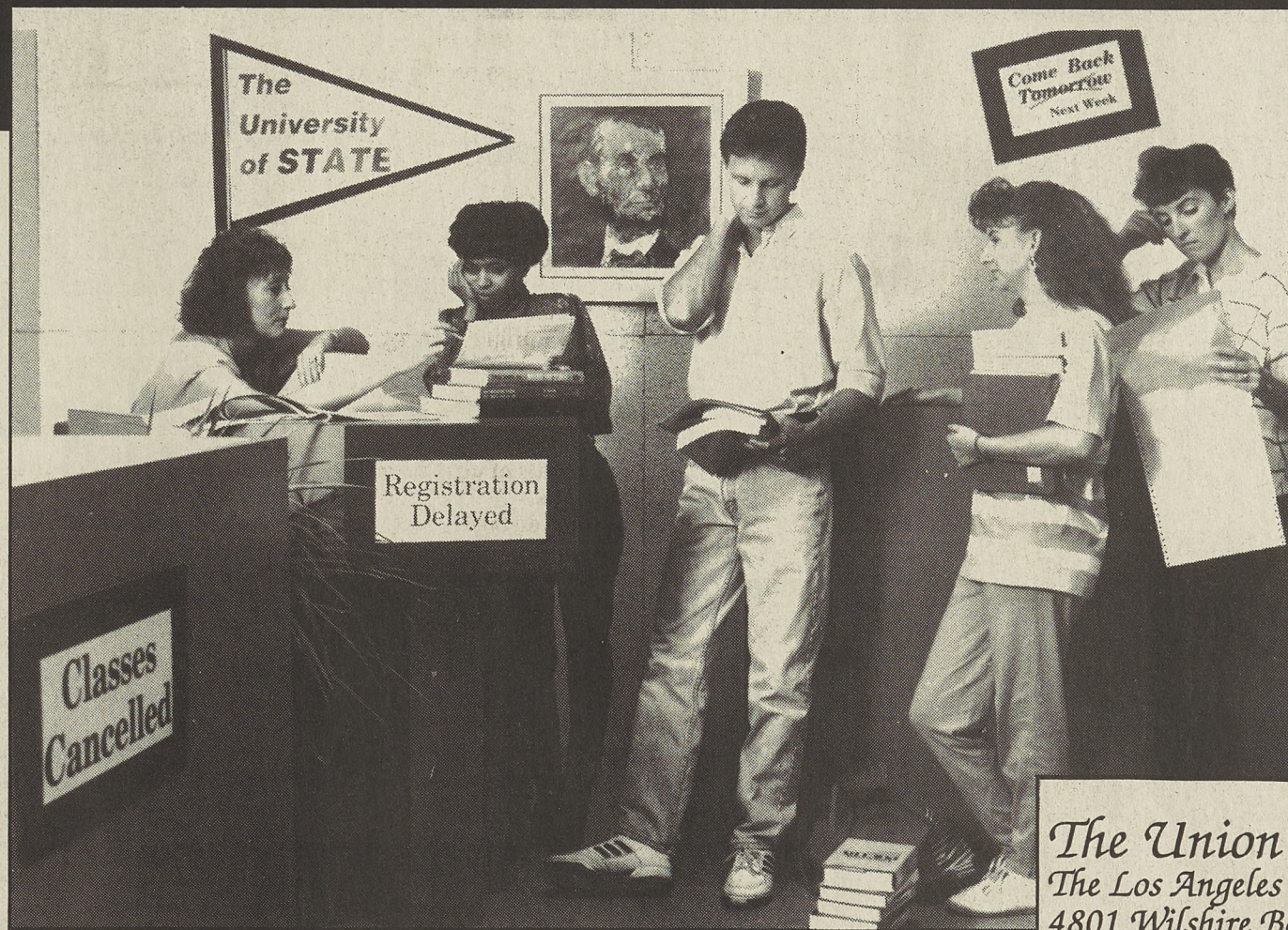
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Monarchs pound Compton, 56-10

By KEVIN BOLT
Staff Writer

Two days after cracking the top 15 among all Southern California junior college football teams, the LAVC Monarchs traveled to Compton last Saturday and proved they belonged in that elite class by pounding the Tartars 56-10.

The Monarchs rolled up 626 total offensive yards, while holding Com-

ton to only 103. Compton suffered their 24th straight defeat dating back to November 11, 1989.

Valley running back Howard Blackwell was once again one of the main offensive weapons in the Monarchs potent run-n-shoot offense as he scored four touchdowns to give him eight on the young season. Blackwell had touchdown runs of five, two, one and 34 yards.

Quarterback Joe Mauldin continues to lead the Monarchs as he threw for

176 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our offense is really expanding and coming together. Today Blackwell was something else," Head Coach Jim Fenwick said. "This was a team win. We got to see what everyone could do. We got to see some mistakes and now we will work to correct them. Today we were not so much concerned with the outcome as much as just not getting sloppy. We wanted to take a step forward and today we did that."

Compton (0-3) was completely manhandled on both sides of the football and never could get anything going on offense. Tartars quarterback Enrique Arnero was under pressure all afternoon, as Valley defenders Avo Avetisyan, Shane Bullock and Billy Dykes were in his face constantly. The only bright spot for Compton was Daryl Nolan's 99 yard kick-off return in the fourth quarter.

Compton defensive coach Bill Lewis said: "That's definitely the toughest team we've faced so far. Last year Valley had bigger players up front, but this year they have great skill players like Mauldin and Blackwell handling the football."

Already up 7-0, the Monarchs (2-0-1) needed only one play on their second drive, a 72 yard Mauldin to Billy Parra touchdown strike and it was 13-0 before the Tartars knew what hit them.

Back-up quarterback Ernie Foli got into the action and marched the Monarchs 45 yards and a touchdown to give Valley a 27-3 second quarter lead.

Another of Valley's four quarterbacks, Darren Firestone hooked up with Delvon Hardaway for a 29 yard touchdown to put the game out

of reach by halftime, 33-3.

Things only got worse for Compton in the third quarter, as Mauldin returned at quarterback and hit Brian Bernier on a 40 yard touchdown strike.

Blackwell put himself over the 100-yard rushing mark (113) for the third straight game early in the fourth quarter as he scampered 34 yards down the right sideline putting the score at 56-3.

"I ended on a good note with that last touchdown run," Blackwell said. "In a game like this you always want to break a real long one and it's frustrating when you don't. I had a fun day and we really played together as a team today."

Valley College will face a much tougher opponent when they travel to L.A. Harbor this Saturday night at 7 p.m.



BOB LA CATTIVA / Valley Star

SHALL WE DANCE— Monarch defensive back, Eric Moss's tackle, left Compton's running back Anthony Green with nothing to dance about in Valley's 56-10 rout over Compton.

Calendar

Football

10/10	Harbor	7 p.m.	A *
10/17	Ventura	7 p.m.	H
10/24	*Santa Monica	7 p.m.	H
10/31	*Bakersfield	7 p.m.	A

* Denotes (A)way or (H)home game
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Water Polo

10/9	Santa Monica	5 p.m.	A
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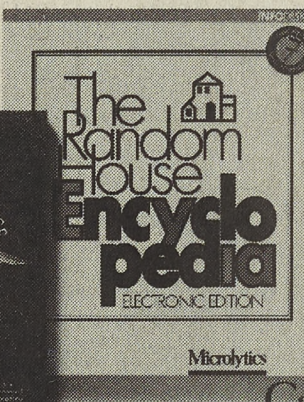
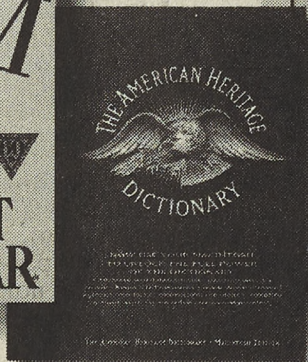
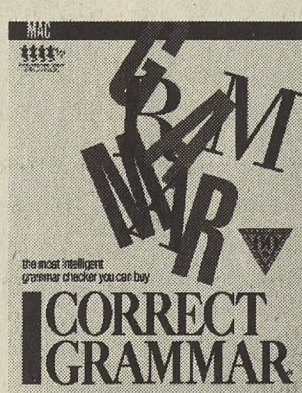


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